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1. IN HIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY STATEMENT SEPTEMBER 28, PAKISTAN'S MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS AZIZ AHMED COVERED:

SOUTHERN AFRICA - AZIZ STATED THAT HE WOULD NOT COMMENT UPON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS, BUT THE STATEMENTS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS BY THE FRONTLINE FIVE AFRICAN STATES "INDICATE CLEARLY WHICH WAY LIES THE ROAD TO PEACE." IN HIS VIEW SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAD NO LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR ITS PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA. "SC RESOLUTION 385 MUST BE IMPLEMENTED."

RELATIONS ON THE SUB-CONTINENT - AZIZ NOTED IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN HIS COUNTRY AND BANGLADESH AND THE STEADY PACE OF IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH INDIA. THE SIMLA AGREEMENT HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED EXCEPT FOR JAMMU AND KASHMIR WHICH SHOULD BE DECIDED ACCORDING TO THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLES OF THE AREA. PAKISTAN'S DIFFERENCES WITH AFGHANISTAN UNCLASSIFIED

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WERE BEING SETTLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF "PEACEFUL

CO-EXISTENCE."

MIDDLE EAST - ISRAEL'S LIMITED 1975 WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI HAS NOT BEEN FOLLOWED BY STEPS TO A MORE PERMANENT SOLUTION; THAT NATION MUST WITHDRAW FROM ALL ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED SINCE 1967, INCLUDING JERUSALEM. THE CHAOS IN LEBANON, WITH ITS ORIGIN IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT, WAS A "SOMBRE WARNING" FOR THE REGION'S FUTURE.

DISARMAMENT - THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE PROGRESS ON DISARMAMENT; A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY REMAINS ELUSIVE. AZIZ ADVOCATED REGIONAL NON-NUCLEAR ZONES, IN PARTICULAR SUCH A ZONE IN SOUTH ASIA.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - THE "MOST VITAL ISSUE" FACING
THE WORLD TODAY WAS THE MAN-MADE DISPARITY BETWEEN THE
INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE
WAS NECESSARY IN THE EXISTING ECONOMIC ORDER, BUT CHANGE
MUST NOT PERPETUATE THE PRESENT BIAS IN FAVOR OF THE WEALTHY. NIEO,
THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, THE PARIS NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE,
AND UNCTAD ARE ONLY CONCEPTS WHICH HAVE YET TO BE IMPLEMENTED.
FOR THIS REASON, PAKISTAN CALLED THE DEVELOPING NATIONS TO
THE SUMMIT AS CONSIDERED BY THE GROUP OF 77 IN MEXICO.
"IN THE LONG RUN, BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
WOULD BENEFIT."
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